

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the fifth paragraph on page 7 of the Specification with the following paragraph (a marked up copy of originally filed page 7 is attached):

-- FIG. 4 is an exploded assembly view of an embodiment of the present invention; and--

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 14 of the specification with the following paragraph (a marked up copy of originally filed page 14 is attached):

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-- As shown in Fig. 4, a channel 121 may be formed in the rotor member 113 between the access ports 106 and 107 so that the ports are in fluid communication with each other. In the illustrated embodiments, the channel is a straight conduit molded into the rotor member 113 between the distal ends of the access port columns 106a and 107a.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 2. Please amend claims 1, 4, 17 and 21 as indicated on the attached sheets which show the particular claim amendments. The claims as amended are presented below. All pending claims are presented for sake of convenience.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. (Amended) A respiratory care assembly for providing a plurality of access ports to a patient's artificial airway, said assembly comprising:
a manifold having
a distal port configured for connecting directly to an artificial airway;

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